

# Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council

Wednesday, May 9th, 2018



Year-to-Date Pedestrian Fatalities, 2018 (CPD): 18

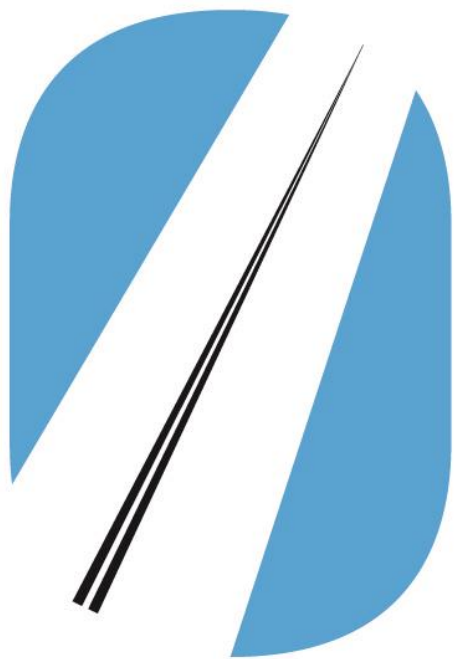
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### Pedestrian Fatalities by Month

Source	IDOT	IDOT	IDOT	IDOT	IDOT	CPD	CPD	IDOT
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2012-2016 Average
January	2	1	4	5	3	6	2	3
February	5	2	0	2	5	3	3	2.8
March	2	2	3	6	3	4	4	3.2
April	1	2	6	4	4	1	9	3.4
May	3	2	3	6	4	4		3.6
June	0	3	4	6	3	4		3.2
July	3	3	4	2	2	5		2.8
August	11	4	3	3	4	5		5
September	5	2	3	2	0	5		2.4
October	4	0	2	4	2	2		2.4
November	7	1	1	1	5	5		3
December	4	5	2	5	2	2		3.6
TOTAL (Jan 1-Apr 30)	10	7	13	17	15	14	18	12.4
TOTAL	47	27	35	46	37	46	18	38.4



**VISION**  
**ZERO**  
**CHICAGO**

**Vision Zero Update**

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# Non-Governmental MPAC Member Collaborative Project

# Process

- ▶ CDOT staff, consultants, and Adam generated list of potential community-led strategies that would advance priorities across multiple pedestrian- and active transportation-focused plans
- ▶ MPAC members identified three priorities they could endorse
  - ▶ Non-Governmental Members: strategies they could commit to
  - ▶ Governmental Members: strategies they endorsed
- ▶ At February 2018 MPAC meeting groups shared their priorities
- ▶ April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of non-governmental MPAC members
  - ▶ CLOCC, Lurie Children's IPRC, Active Transportation Alliance, AARP
  - ▶ Focused on strategies our four organizations could commit to

# Goals

- ▶ To raise awareness about pedestrian safety
- ▶ To increase visibility of Vision Zero and similar strategies
- ▶ To *support neighborhood engagement in Vision Zero*
- ▶ To focus efforts in Vision Zero High Crash Areas/Corridors
- ▶ Supplement with city-wide emergency room data on crash-related serious injury

# Strategy: Support walkability initiatives at the neighborhood level

- ▶ Including collaboration on grant proposals to bring such efforts to scale
- ▶ Being tool “agnostic” but prioritizing tools that are already in use in Chicago
  - ▶ Using CLOCCs Neighborhood Walkability Initiative
  - ▶ Using AARP’s walkability audit
  - ▶ Using other tools as appropriate to community and audience

# Strategy: Conduct data dissemination about crashes, injuries, and fatalities

- ▶ Including data now available to Lurie Children's Hospital
- ▶ Working with CDOT and other partners on crash/fatality data analysis and plans to share
- ▶ Share trends, comparisons to national data, specific incidences by area, etc. in priority areas and with priority constituencies
  - ▶ E.g., elected officials, media, community-based organizations, active transportation activists



# Strategy: Build grassroots support for legislation and funding

- ▶ Focus at all levels: local, state, and federal legislation
- ▶ Work with government and non-governmental agencies to understand funding streams, current levels, and identify opportunities for expansion
- ▶ Advocate for legislative priorities
- ▶ Link legislative priorities to walkability initiatives
  - ▶ engage communities in policy development
  - ▶ educate communities about policy approaches and priorities
  - ▶ grassroots lobbying activities (for those organizations that can)

# Discussion

- ▶ Reflections on these ideas
- ▶ How can *your* agencies contribute?
- ▶ Currently limited by organizational capacity and resources:
  - ▶ Ideas for funding and partnering?
- ▶ Coordination of efforts
  - ▶ future meetings of non-governmental partners?
  - ▶ Use of future MPAC meetings?
  - ▶ Other ways to connect and advance?

# Chinatown Walkability Project

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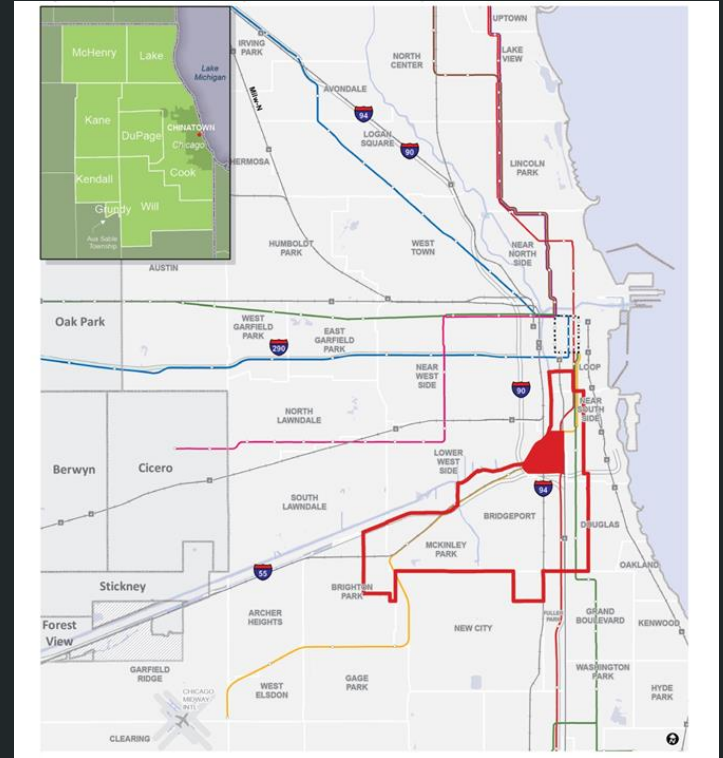
Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community  
*for Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council - May 9, 2018*

# Chinatown Community Vision Plan

- Partnership with **25th Ward Alderman Solis** and **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) LTA**
- Centennial celebration in 2013
- 2000 people provided input through postcards, surveys: focus groups, intercept, 2 townhalls
- Plan was completed in 2015
- 5 implementation committees have been formed



# Area of Study: Chinatown/Greater Chinatown



# Chinatown Walkability Project

- Aging population (aging-in-place)
- Generation gap in bicycling (Chicago Reader)
- Public has urban planners
- Neighborhood taking control of its own destiny
- Applied and received funding by Healthy Chicago 2.0 grant (PHIMC and Chicago Department of Public Health)



# Data Collection

- CLOCC Neighborhood Walkability Assessment Tool (NWAT) - 46 volunteers
  - 34 intersections and 51 blocks were audited at three different time points (weekday morning, weekday evening, weekend)
  - *Sidewalk conditions, motorist and pedestrian behaviors, signage, perception of violence, neighborhood aesthetics and nearby amenities*
- Focus Groups/Charrettes
  - Open-ended questions about walking and biking destinations, safety challenges, and recommended amenities
  - 100 community members participated
    - High School Students
    - College Students/Young Adults
    - Seniors
    - ESL Students
    - General Public



# Key Findings

- Walking (Chinatown Square, Wentworth Corridor, Chinese American Service League, Library as major destinations
  - Amenities to be considered: **clean streets** (26%), **better lighting** (19%), **public seating** (16%), **more police** (14%), **improved sidewalks** (11%)
- Biking (Chinatown Square, Wentworth Corridor, Chinatown Library, groceries, work as destinations)
  - Amenities to be considered: **dedicated bike lanes** (29%), **bike parking** (16%), **protected bike lanes** (7%), **clean and even streets** (6%), **improved crosswalks** (6%)
- Safety (least safe in viaducts, alleyways, problematic intersections, sidewalk and road conditions)
  - Amenities to be considered: **improved lighting** (18%), **more police** (15%), **improved sidewalks** (13%), **regulated traffic** (10%), **improved viaducts** (6%)



# Key Findings Con't

- Challenges to accessibility: narrow sidewalks, poorly maintained sidewalks, damaged or missing curb cuts/ramps, missing sidewalks, pathways obstructions, litter
- Challenges to safety: speeding traffic, misaligned/obstructed pedestrian lights, missing stop signs, inadequate pedestrian count lighting, pedestrian count timing, viaducts in poor conditions, missing countdown timers, cars not yielding to pedestrian
- Challenges to biking: lack of protected bike lanes, bike racks, cyclists on sidewalks
- Favorable assets for community: countdown timers, curb bump outs, painted crosswalks, stop signs, shops/restaurants, CTA, benches, home gardens, landscaping, signage, parks, library, shade from trees, more people

# Recommendations Examples

- Infrastructure improvements: ADA compliant curb ramps; repair cracked or uneven segments of sidewalks, audible pedestrian signals; restripe and maintain crosswalks; protected bike lanes; bicycle parking; public art
- Amenities improvements: lighting under viaducts; pedestrian counts; lighting on residential streets; trash cans along business corridors; public seating and bus shelters
- Educational campaigns: bilingual promotion of obeying traffic rules and regulations; bilingual promotion of benefits of active transportation
- Other: traffic study on Archer-Cermak-Princeton; placemaking

# Implementation

- Some changes were made by Alderman Solis during the study period
- Changes will be made in coming years as part of the Wells-Wentworth realignment project + river improvements
- Placemaking as a strategy for improved sense of community and safety (held two events - Chinatown is Beautiful, Festival of Trees)
- Encourage local elementary schools (and high school) to run education on cycling/connect schools to resources
- Signage plan + Chinatown SSA in future (future of parking lots?)
- Serve as a resource for other communities looking to work on neighborhood planning and/or walkability
- Read the full plan at [cbcacchicago.org](http://cbcacchicago.org)!



# Thank You!

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Please join us for the next  
**Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council Meeting**

Wednesday, August 8th, 2018

